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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve Public Works to acquire maintenance equipment at a total cost of \$1,375,000, budgeted in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2006-07 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This request is to comply with the County Equipment Policy (Policy) that your Board approved on October 16, 2001. This Policy requires Board approval prior to County departments purchasing/financing equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater. Therefore, we are requesting approval to purchase five sweepers budgeted in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2006-07 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation. The anticipated materials cost increase for this item is expected to increase the cost per unit above the \$250,000 approval level.

This purchase is a replacement for five existing sweepers used on street sweeping routes throughout the County.

These existing units have exceeded the established replacement criteria of 5,000 hours or eight years. Last year's unit cost for sweepers was \$235,000. The cost per unit to replace the sweepers could exceed \$250,000 due to cost increases for labor and materials. The expected life of a new sweeper is 5,000 hours or eight years.

It is recommended that we replace these units with new sweepers for the following reasons:

- They will be more reliable than the existing units for our daily sweeping duty.
- They will have less downtime for repair and maintenance.
- There are no alternative fuel Liquid Petroleum Gas, Air Quality Management District compliant rental units available.
- They will fully comply with the current air quality standards and regulations.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence, Organizational Effectiveness, and Fiscal Responsibility. This action will enable Public Works to continue to provide County residents with enhanced, responsive, efficient, and effective road maintenance.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to net County cost as a result of this purchase. The cost for this acquisition is estimated to be \$1,375,000 and is included in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2006-07 Internal Service Fund Fixed Asset Equipment appropriation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a Policy whereby departments will obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to purchasing.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will enable Public Works to continue to perform its routine street maintenance activities, including those activities associated with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit compliance, in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

Your approval will allow Public Works to replace outdated maintenance equipment and the continual provision of street maintenance services to County residents.

CONCLUSION

One adopted copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel